

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



Happy Thanksgiving! As we pause to appreciate all we have, I would like to give special thanks to those neighbors and City staff who made our annual "Make A Difference Day" on Oct. 29 a huge success. Hundreds of volunteers made a meaningful difference in our community by working on more than 40 grassroots projects around the City. Fort Lauderdale's next major service day, "United Day," will be held from 9 AM - Noon on Monday, Jan. 16, which coincides with the City's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

State of the City – "The state of our city is strong," said Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler at his annual State of the City Address at Birch State Park on Oct. 27. Highlighting recent accomplishments, he cited many reasons our community is such a sought-after place to live and work, such as significant job and tourism growth, and low unemployment. We continue to receive national accolades from Forbes, Moody's, TripAdvisor, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, WalletHub, and others for our business development programs, construction boom, economic resurgence, and upscale hotel and residential projects taking shape Downtown and along our world-class beachfront.

King Tides – King Tides are expected to return Dec. 12 - 16. Remember to follow the detours, avoid driving through flood waters, and call 954-828-8000 to report any flooding or clogged storm drains you encounter. To help prepare, see <http://fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/king-tides>.

SE 17th Street Mobility Plan – The third and final public workshop on the SE 17th Street Mobility Plan will be held at the Embassy Suites, 1100 SE 17 Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 PM.

Manatee Season – Boaters, Manatee Protection Zones went into effect on Nov. 15 and will run thru March 31. See <http://myfwc.com/manatee>. During the 2015 Manatee Season, Broward County staff counted more than 1,200 manatees in County waterways. When the weather is cold, many manatees can be found in the warm-water refuges of the Lauderdale Power Plant cooling lakes and Port Everglades Power Plant cooling canal. If you see a sick, injured, or dead manatee, contact the Wildlife Alert Number at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922), *FWC or #FWC on a cell phone, or text tip@myfwc.com.

Airport Noise Committee – On Nov. 7, the City Manager, staff, and I met with the Broward County Aviation Department on the FAR (Federal Aviation Regulation) Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study for the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, now underway by the County. A Part 150 Study is a voluntary program, which airport sponsors may initiate to balance an airport's operational needs and the noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. We are appointing Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans of Lauderdale Isles and Ed Rebholz of Lauderdale Harbors to the new study committee, based on their knowledge of and experience with airport operations and noise impacts on several District IV neighborhoods.

Shippey House – On Nov. 17, we cut the ribbon at the renovated Judge Fredrick Bleecker Shippey House, which was moved on Dec. 11, 2011, from its original site at 215 SW 7 Avenue to 220 SW 3 Avenue in the Himmarshee Village Historic District. Built in 1914, the house is the new home of Riverwalk Recreation (<http://riverwalkrec.com>).

New Tree Mitigation Calculations – On Nov. 17, the City hosted a public meeting to educate neighbors on our new calculations (changes to the ULDR) that will go into effect January 1, 2017. If you were unable to attend, an additional public meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 - 8 PM at the Brewton Center, 700 NW 19 Avenue. For details, see <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/3579/2312?backlist=%2f>.

For The Calendar –

- **Light Up the Beach** - Tuesday, Nov. 22, 5:30 - 9 PM, A1A and E Las Olas
- **Turkey Trot** - Thursday, Nov. 24, 7:30 AM, DC Alexander Park, 501 Seabreeze Blvd
- **Christmas on Las Olas** – Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5 - 10 PM; E Las Olas Blvd. between SE 6 and SE 11 avenues
- **Light Up Sistrunk** - Friday, Dec. 2, 5 PM, Sistrunk Blvd from NW 9 to NW 11 avenues
- **Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Events** – Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 AM – 2 PM, 6011 Nob Hill Road, Tamarac; Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 AM - 2 PM, Mills Pond Park, 2201 NW 9 Avenue. Proof of Fort Lauderdale residency is required. For details, visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw>.
- **Christmas Pageant** at First Baptist Church – Shows run Friday, Dec. 2 - Sunday, Dec. 18; <http://ChristmasTickets.com>.
- **Historic Home Tour** - Sunday, Dec. 4, 3 - 8 PM. For tickets, see <https://goo.gl/Kg7tMI>; for event details, log on to <http://www.historicholidayhometour.org>.
- **Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade** – Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM; <http://www.winterfestparade.com>
- **Downtown Countdown** – Saturday, Dec. 31, 3:30 PM - 1 AM, SW 2 Street/SW 5 Avenue

- My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 4 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks). To schedule a meeting or sign up to receive this newsletter and other information about what's going on in the City, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.